

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner objected to the abstract because it contains the term "comprises". Claims 1-4 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,109,740 to Namekawa et al. ("Namekawa"). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Namekawa in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,196,655 to Hirasawa.

In accordance with the present response, the specification has been suitably revised to the correct informalities, provide antecedent basis for the claim language, and place it into better conformance with U.S. practice. Original independent claim 1 has been amended to further patentably distinguish from the prior art of record.